[Letters of thanks, in full recognition of their great services, were written at the time (May, 1902,) to Senators Jones and Berry. —E. J. H.]

                    Upper Cape Fear Improvement Association,
                         Fayetteville, N. C., June 27, 1910.

Hon. Charles R. Thomas,
    House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
My dear Sir:

    As the Rivers and Harbors bill, containing the item for construction and completion of our Upper Cape Fear project has become law, I write to express my very hearty thanks for your aid at the outset of its promotion. Yours was the first speech in this behalf made in Congress (1900). You were good enough to embody in it my articles in The Observer in full callling for the application of modern engincering methods to the problem of restoring the navigability of rivers below the first falls, which had been impaired by deforestation, in place of the crude and inefficient treatment of them then in vogue in this section. I have reason to believe that you thus helped materially to set in motion the great sentiment in favor of internal navigation which first created the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and then secured its triumph in the legislation of the United States Congress just ended.

    With high regard, I remain,

                         Yours very truly,
                             E. J. HALE,
                             President, &c.

                    Upper Cape Fear Improvement Association,
                         Fayetteville, N. C., June, 27, 1910.

Hon. C. B. Aycock,
             Raleigh, N. C.
My dear Sir:

    As the Rivers and Harbors bill, containing provision for the construction and completion of our Upper Cape Fear project, has become law, I write to express my thanks for the important aid which, as Governor, following the Legislature's precedent, you gave to me in the early days of its promotion. At my request, you gave me a commission accrediting me as the representative of the State at the convention which organized the National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Baltimore in September, 1901. I have no doubt that this materially contributed to the movement, begun by the Savannah delegates, to have me placed on the board of directors as the